



SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent / St. Patrick's Day / Solemnity of St. Joseph

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday at 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

5:00 pm en Espanol

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00 to 4:00 pm

First Friday Exposition

8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Confessions

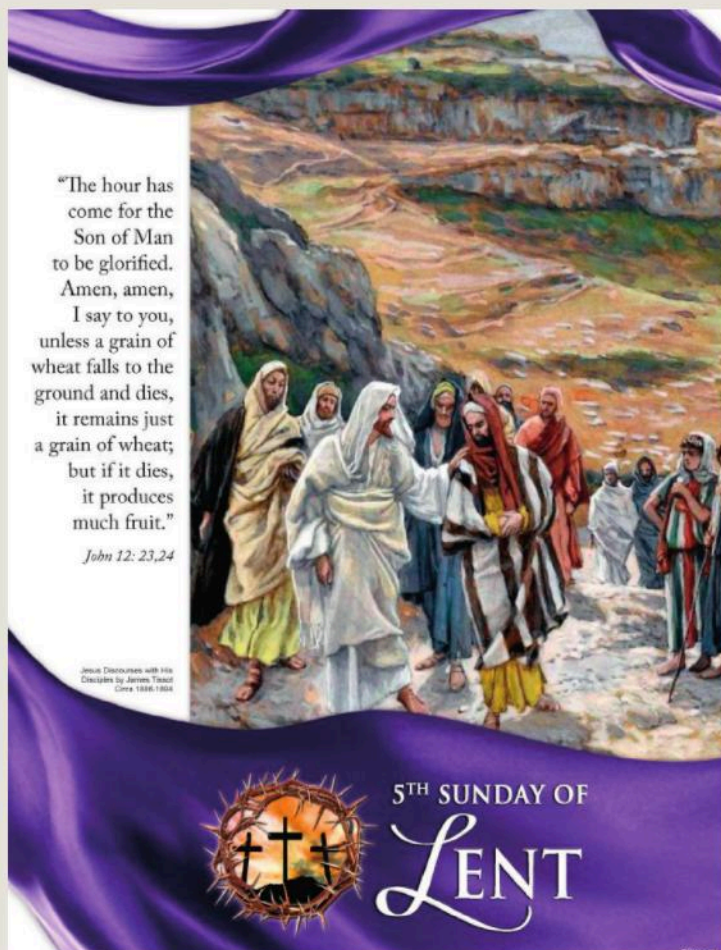
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

or by appointment

The Church is Open for Personal Prayer

Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Christ with the Disciples by Jerome Tissot circa 1886-1888

Parish Office Hours / Horario de Oficina Parroquial

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday / Lunes a Jueves — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday / Viernes

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Deacon

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CARLOS - UN MENSAJE DE PADRE CARLOS

My Dear Family of St. Faustina,

We are almost at the end of Lent, on three successive Sundays we are presented with expressive symbols that allow us to better understand the mystery of the Lord's Passover: the temple that He will rebuild in three days, the lifted serpent that heals those who look at Him with faith, and today the grain of wheat.

In the Gospel of these weeks we hear Jesus say: ***"Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat sown in the ground dies, it remains barren; but if it dies, it will bear much fruit."*** This parable of the grain of wheat gives us the example of Christ's death and resurrection, which for us is a cause for joy to see that we can bear abundant fruit.

Jesus' message is very clear. It is the same with life as with the grain of wheat, which has to die in order to give way to Life and one day produce fruit. The grain, if it dies, rises again, bringing with it new grains and new life. Jesus hints that his death, far from being a failure, is what will make his life fruitful. Jesus, who invites us, his disciples, to live according to this same paradoxical law: in order to give life, it is necessary to die.

You can't generate life without giving your own. It is not possible to help people live if they are not willing to go out of their way for others. We will contribute nothing to the world, living clinging to our own well-being. No one works seriously for the Kingdom of God and His justice if he is not willing to take the risks, rejections, conflict and persecution that Jesus suffered. That is the law of Love.

Let us take advantage of what remains of this Lent to deepen our journey of conversion and continue to accompany the elect on their journey towards the Easter Vigil. May God give us the grace to be prepared to live a Holy Holy Week. Animo!

St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Christ,

Father Carlos

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Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

Ya estamos casi al final de la Cuaresma, en tres domingos sucesivos se nos presentan símbolos expresivos que nos permiten entender mejor el misterio de la Pascua del Señor: el templo que El reedificará en tres días, la serpiente levantada que cura a quien le mira con fe, y hoy el grano de trigo.

En el Evangelio de estas semanas escuchamos a Jesús que dice: ***«Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto»***. Esta parábola del grano de trigo, se nos pone el ejemplo de la muerte y la resurrección Cristo, misma que para nosotros es motivo de alegría al ver que podemos dar fruto abundante.

El mensaje de Jesús es muy claro. Con la vida sucede lo mismo que con el grano de trigo, que tiene que morir para dar paso a la Vida y producir un día fruto. El grano, si muere, vuelve a levantarse trayendo consigo nuevos granos y nueva vida. Jesús deja entrever que su muerte, lejos de ser un fracaso, es lo que dará fertilidad a su vida. Jesús, nos invita a nosotros sus discípulos a vivir según esta misma ley paradójica: para dar vida es necesario morir.

No se puede generar vida sin dar la propia. No es posible ayudar a vivir si uno no está dispuesto a desvivirse por los demás. Nada aportaremos al mundo, viviendo aferrados a nuestro propio bienestar. Nadie trabaja seriamente por el Reino de Dios y su justicia, si no está dispuesto a asumir los riesgos, los rechazos, la conflictividad y persecución que sufrió Jesús. Esa es la ley del Amor.

Aprovechemos lo que nos queda de esta Cuaresma para profundizar nuestro camino de conversión y seguir acompañando los elegidos en su camino hacia la Vigilia pascual. Que Dios nos de la gracia de estar preparados para vivir una Santa Semana Santa. ¡Animo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,

Padre Carlos



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16, 2024

4:00 pm + Helen Marie Butterworth
Requested by: Al Butterworth

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am + Mercedes Rodriguez
Requested by: Manuel Rodriguez
11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty
Requested by: Thomas Doherty
5:00 pm + Hector Velez
Requested by: Maria Velez

Monday, March 18, 2024

8:00 am + Mike & + Nora Kerrigan
Requested by: Julia Costelo

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:00 am + Patricia Sette
Requested by: Lina & Wil Green
7:00 pm Penance service

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00 am + Alba Guerra
Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00 am Those in our memorial plaques
Requested by: Mary Casey

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00 am + Ken Schanen
Requested by: Lynda Schanen

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00 am Memorial Mass Association
4:00 pm + Dcn Dennis
Requested by: Toni Jean & Reynold

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30 am In Thanksgiving
Requested by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango
9:30 am + William A. Bubak
Requested by: Yasmina Paulino
11:30 pm SI Kelly children
Requested by: Mom & Dad
5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to **resubmit names** that you would like on our list by emailing: office@stfaustina.org.



Lorgia & Pablo Pazmino, Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino, Phillip Kilinski, Carol Gosart, Steven Syrkin, and Roger Jones, Frank T. Montiagnino, Loretta Murphy, Kristey Nelson, David Egan, Robert Kolenc, Jan Nilsen, Brenda Brubaker, Roger Darnell, Sandy Darnell, Tina Cyr, Patrick J Cyr, Barb Nelson, Ed David, Jack Marchewka, David Venditti, Cecilia Fanelli, Arabella Zeglovskis, Felisa Parker-Gibson, Helen Capozzi, John Magnotti, Kay Bucci, Becky Oosterveen, Joseph Loughrey, Robert Kasper, Julie Sabon vanDyke, Michael Daniel Boglino, Mike McGee, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn, Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Paulette Sparlik, Lilian Hawkinson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve

Stream our St. Faustina Masses Live by going to our secure parish web page at: <https://stfaustina.org/livestream-of-mass/>



If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, we want you to know how welcome you are --- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city...WELCOME!

OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am followed by the Holy Rosary

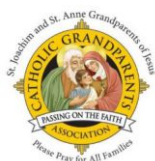
Saturday, March 16	Grief Support, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in classroom
Sunday, March 17	No Events Scheduled... <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
Monday, March 18	Rosary Makers, 9:00 am to 10:30 am in classroom Spanish Bible Study, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in classroom
Tuesday, March 19	<i>Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Adult Choir Practice 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church Penance Service starting at 7:00 pm in church
Wednesday, March 20	Bereavement and Consolation Funeral Training, 10:30 am to 11:30 am in church Grandparents Meeting, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in classroom Holy Hour, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in church Bell Ringers Practice, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm in church Young Adults Ministry, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in classroom
Thursday, March 21	Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom Oracion Vida, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm in classroom
Friday, March 22	Spanish Via Crucis, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in church Stations of the Cross, in Spanish, 2:00 pm, in English, 6:00 pm, in Spanish 7:00 pm in church Elsanto Rosario, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in classroom Tallar Oracion following the Rosario
Saturday, March 23	Grief Support, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in classroom
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday, regular Mass Schedule

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of March 3, 2024

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$14,979.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$8,988.00
Mass Attendance: 2,253

To donate through our parish website, please go to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z517/home>



Next Grandparents' Meeting set for March 20 — Families are a blessing, yet families can be complicated. The next meeting of Catholic Grandparents of St. Faustina will be March 20 at 11:00 am in classroom #1. The discussion topic is "Family Dynamics". Join us for prayer and fellowship. All are welcome!

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/grandparents-ministry-2/>

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY BY GIVING A PINT OF BLOOD — Our next blood drive is Easter Sunday, March 31, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance. Since the drive began in June of 2019, **you have contributed 513 pints of blood while saving over 1,539 lives as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients in need.**

While 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can reserve your space by making an appointment at:

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1421833



Blessing of Easter Food **LENT SCHEDULE ADDITION, THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD**— The Blessing of the Easter food will take place on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 12:00 pm * * *

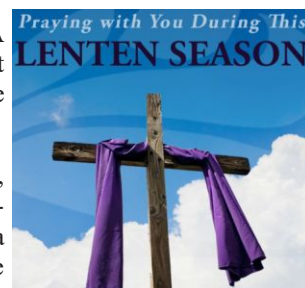
DE LA COMIDA DE PASCUA—La Bendición de la comida de Pascua se llevará a cabo el Sábado Santo, 30 de marzo, a las 12:00 horas La Bendición de la comida de Pascua tendrá lugar el Sábado Santo, 30 de marzo, a las 12:00 horas.

The following **Feast Days** will be celebrated at this week's Masses: **Sunday, March 17**, — St. Patrick's Day, **Monday, March 18**, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, **Tuesday, March 19**, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Saturday, March 23**, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop



THE SEASON OF LENT AT ST. FAUSTINA

Every week during Lent, Father Carlos challenges us to a “Weekly Lenten Challenge, 2024.” A new challenge will be announced at the beginning of the Mass. The challenges will also appear right here in our bulletin as well as on our parish website (<https://stfaustina.org/> ... on the home page on the left side under the “Announcements” section, and on our parish Facebook page.



Cada semana durante la Cuaresma, el Padre Carlos nos desafía a un "Desafío Semanal de Cuaresma, 2024." Un nuevo reto será anunciado al comienzo de la misa. Los desafíos también aparecerán aquí mismo en nuestro boletín, así como en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia (<https://stfaustina.org/> ... en la página de inicio en el lado izquierdo debajo de la sección "Anuncios", y en la página) de Facebook de nuestra parroquia.

Weekly Challenge for this Lenten // Reto Semanal para esta Cuaresma
Pillars // Pilares: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving // Oración, Ayuno & Limosna

5th Sunday of Lent: Lenten Pillar: Prayer

Pray a daily Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Poor Souls of Purgatory

One of the Spiritual Works of mercy is to pray for those who have died. This week's Lenten challenge is to pray a daily Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Poor Souls of Purgatory. May our prayers be like incense rising up to heaven and be efficacious for the Poor Souls being purified!

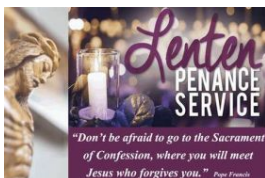
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5^o Domingo de Cuaresma: Pilar de Cuaresma: Oración

Rezar diariamente un Rosario o una Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia por las Pobres Almas del Purgatorio

Una de las Obras Espirituales de misericordia es orar por los que han muerto. El desafío de Cuaresma de esta semana es rezar un Rosario diario o una Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia por las Pobres Almas del Purgatorio. ¡Que nuestras oraciones sean como incienso que sube al cielo y sean eficaces para la purificación de las Pobres Almas!

"Adaptado de <https://www.stjohnsindy.org/lenten-challenges.html>"



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE on TUESDAY, MARCH 19 at 7:00 pm – The parish will hold its Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm.

JESUS' PROMISE TO ST. FAUSTINA — Reconciliation during Lent and Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will give the soul complete forgiveness. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession (during Lent) and receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday), shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary of St. Faustina, page 699)

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA PARROQUIAL el MARTES 19 DE MARZO a las 7:00 pm – La parroquia llevará a cabo su Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma el martes 19 de marzo a las 7:00 pm.

LA PROMESA DE JESÚS A SANTA FAUSTINA — La reconciliación durante la Cuaresma y la Comunión en el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia le darán al alma el perdón completo. Jesús le dijo a Santa Faustina: "El alma que se confiesa (durante la Cuaresma) y recibe la Sagrada Comunión (el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia), obtendrá el perdón completo de los pecados y el castigo". (Diario de Santa Faustina, página 699)

Palm Sunday is NEXT WEEK. Please plan for the many Mass, service, and prayer opportunities that go along with this holy week. Also, please notice the few, but **very important, schedule changes** that will occur.

For example, *on Holy Saturday, (March 30) there WILL NOT be an 8:00 am Mass, or confessions at 3:00 pm, or a Mass at 4:00 pm.*



Holy Week Schedule

There will be only one Mass on Saturday, March 30, which will be the 8:00 pm Easter Vigil.

For the complete schedule, including Mass on Holy Thursday and the Good Friday services, please go to:

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/lenet-schedule-2024/>

El Domingo de Ramos es la PRÓXIMA SEMANA. Por favor, planifique las muchas oportunidades de misa, servicio y oración que acompañan a esta semana santa. Además, tenga en cuenta los pocos, pero muy importantes, cambios de horario que ocurrirán.

Por ejemplo, *el Sábado Santo (30 de marzo) NO habrá una misa a las 8:00 a.m., confesiones a las 3:00 p.m., o una misa a las 4:00 p.m.*

Habrà una sola misa el sábado 30 de marzo, ese día, y es la Vigilia Pascual de las 8:00 pm.

Para ver el programa completo, incluida la Misa del Jueves Santo y los servicios del Viernes Santo, visite:

<https://stfaustina.org/ministries/lenet-schedule-2024/>

BELOVED SAINT JOSEPH

by Christine Hanyus, Diocesan Publications Writer

“Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you.”

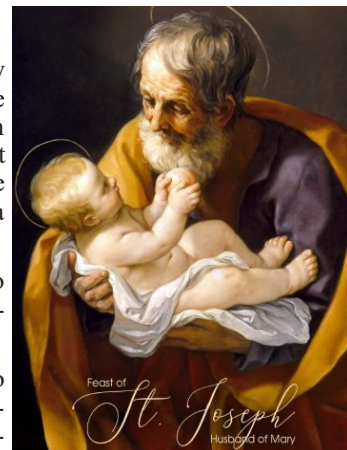
This verse before the Gospel reading at today’s Mass certainly describes St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate on Tuesday (March 19). There is no doubt that his soul dwells in God’s house where he gives praise to God. In heaven, St. Joseph and Our Lady are worshiping the son they raised on earth together! Consider the final line of today’s Gospel, which says that the twelve-year-old Jesus “went down with [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.” Jesus retains an intimate relationship with them, and he allows them to function as powerful intercessors on our behalf. What a great debt humanity owes to the efficacious, perpetual intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph.

My husband and I belonged to a parish named St. Joseph for many years and, over time, we came to rely on the help and loving concern of our Savior’s foster-father. We are convinced that his intercession helped attain great grace for our family.

When my husband’s father was diagnosed with advanced cancer, he and my mother-in-law came to live with us. For many years, my in-laws had traveled the country, serving others, praying with others, and sharing the love of Christ whenever and wherever they could. Though they had left the Catholic Church twenty-five years earlier, their faith in Christ was radical and inspiring.

Now, with a terminal diagnosis, my father-in-law was approaching his eternal reward. It was a painful, beautiful time, and my husband, though he had always yearned for his dad to return to the Church, rejoiced in his father’s faithfulness to God. Nevertheless, he wanted the absolute best for his dad as he approached the end of his life, so he turned to St. Joseph for help. Every day, my husband would stop by the church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of St. Joseph. He prayed for three things: that his father would be willing to receive the Anointing of the Sick before he died, and that, after he died, he would be given a funeral Mass and then be buried in our parish cemetery.

It is a long story, but, miraculously, all three requests were granted. We believe that St. Joseph’s intercession played a pivotal role in this happy outcome. With St. Teresa of Avila, we say, “Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint, for I know by...experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God.” Thank you, beloved St. Joseph, for your faithful witness, your tremendous role in salvation history, and your on-going, loving intercession.



An Irish prayer

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,

Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen



Do you have about five minutes a day to pray a “DECADE A DAY”? This is a program in which 20 people each say one decade of the Rosary every day of the year, for one year. Each member signs up for one decade, and prays that decade every day. For example, if my decade/mystery was the Visitation, then that is the Decade I would say each day.



The ministry seeks to gather parishioners who would like to commit to praying one decade of the Rosary every day, anywhere you are, whether at home, at work, at recess, in a car, on a trip, walking your dog...anywhere. It only takes three to five minutes of your time.

For more information, please go to the Decade A Day web page on our secure parish website at:

[Decade A Day - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont \(stfaustina.org\)](http://stfaustina.org)

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at:

in Spanish at 2:00 pm in English at 6:00 pm in Spanish at 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



VENERABLE ALPHONSE GALLEGOS

By Marylu Mariniello

Alphonse Gallegos was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 20, 1931, one of eleven children. His father was a carpenter and his mother was a homemaker. He had a twin brother named Eloy. The family soon moved to California. They were very religious, belonging to the San Miguel Parish in Los Angeles in the Watts community, where he was confirmed. In 1950 Alphonse entered the Order of Augustinian Recollects in Kansas City as a novice, attending Rockhurst University in Kansas.



Then he transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkhill, NY, where he graduated. He also went to St. John's University in NY and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He was now a seminarian at the Tagaste Monastery in Suffern, NY. Here it was discovered that he had poor vision, the result of being born with a severe myopic condition.

Father was ordained on May 24, 1958. For the next fourteen years, he was the chaplain at Tagaste serving the neighboring hospitals and religious communities in Rockland County NY. In 1972 he was sent to San Miguel in Watts as the pastor and then went to Cristo Rey in Glendale in 1978, both in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Here he served as an advisor to Cardinal Timothy Manning on Hispanic affairs and helped set up a training program for the archdiocese's Hispanic permanent diaconate.

After this, Father was transferred to the Diocese of Sacramento, serving from 1979 to 1981 as the first director of the Division of Hispanic Affairs of the California Catholic Conference. On August 24, 1981, Pope John Paul II appointed Father Alphonse as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento and also as the Titular Bishop of Sasabe, Arizona. He was consecrated a Bishop on November 4, 1981. In 1983, he was placed as the Pastor of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

He liked to wear a sombrero, T-shirt and jeans to minister to the low riders, those who rode in customized cars with a lowered body and also to gang members and at risk youth, in the poor areas on LA and Sacramento. He walked the streets, greeting and encouraging people, visiting families and eating with them. The Bishop also marched in solidarity with the United Farm Workers, opposed cuts in bilingual education and pushed Hispanic youth towards education and away from drugs and crime.

On October 6, 1991, Bishop Gallegos and his driver stopped to help a stranded person on a highway when he was struck by another driver, dying instantly.

Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was considered an unofficial chaplain to the lowriders and migrant workers. In honor of the "Bishop of the Barrio," about three hundred lowrider cars formed part of his funeral procession from the parish of St. Rose where he lived to the city's Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

In 2005, the cause for the Bishop's beatification was opened by Bishop William Weigand. Bishop Gallegos was declared a Servant of God on June 5, 2006.

On March 24, 2010, his body was exhumed and transferred to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as part of his cause towards sainthood. Then the next day his remains were transferred to the parish where he resided in as an Auxiliary Bishop at the Sanctuary of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe also known as Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Sacramento.

Pope Francis named Bishop Alphonse Gallegos as Venerable on July 8, 2016.

Bishop Gallegos is remembered for his humility, gentleness, constant joy and patience with his limitation of his sight, without complaining. He was kind and compassionate to everyone, even with those who opposed him. He had great loyalty to his Augustinian Recollect vocation and was spiritually linked to the community with his commitment to the poor, especially Hispanic workers and immigrants seeking a better future in the US.

He spent his life in prayer, kneeling many hours before the Tabernacle every day, showing his love for the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a supporter of the unborn. The Bishop Gallegos Assembly 2336 and Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home are named for him. The city of Sacramento appointed a section of downtown streets as the Gallegos Square in his memory. A statue of Bishop Gallegos was unveiled in Gallegos Square next to the cathedral.

These are the words of Bishop Alphonse Gallegos:

"I would like to be remembered as having helped the young people how to appreciate who they are and to value the life God has given them. I would also like to be remembered as having appreciated people and all that they have to offer in making the world a better place to live in."

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